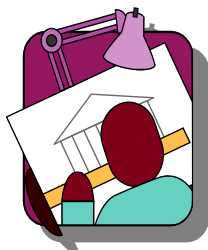


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Our Ref: foia/request/1

Your Ref: November 28, 2017

Mr. Keron Maynard,
Legal Advisor,
Diego Martin Regional Corporation,
#17-18 Diego Martin Main Road,
Diego Martin.

Subject: Request For Access to Information in the Possession of the Diego Martin Corporation.

Thank you and the Corporation for a sincere attempt to allow me as an Elector of the Regional Municipality of Diego Martin, to be informed of their authorizations, policies, rules and practices, which affect me personally, my 33 year daughter, my 4 year grandson and all who ask my advice, both as a Sector Specialist and a Domestic Violence Counsellor, by the package of documents delivered by your Secretary Ms. Camille, at the last Statutory meeting, Wednesday the 29th day of November, re the Freedom of Information Form filed on Tuesday the 12th day of September 2017.

In addition Sir, the presence of the Minister of Rural Development and Local Government the Honourable Kazim Hosein at the head table was very pleasing, firstly by hearing of his commitment to serve, the future plans and extreme dislike of corruption and secondly, knowing that he listened to, what I have hearing for the last 11 months and had limited opportunity to help the Corporation with the skills I have acquired over the years, because of a lack of minutes information.

It is therefore with a degree of sadness and disappointment, I must note here, that you failed to comply with the dictates of the Freedom of Information Act of 1999 and submitted some of the information requested, quoting that section 75 of the Municipal Corporations Act excludes members of the public from Committee meeting and denying me access to the Standing and other Committee meetings records, on the ground of confidentiality.

Please therefore, refer to the Interpretation section Part 1 of the said Act No 21 of 1990, which states what a Corporation means and what an Elector means. As a person registered under the Representation of the People Act as an elector for elections for members to serve in a Municipal Council, I am not an ordinary member of the public, who does not have that privilege, a fact mentioned in Council a few times, saying, that the reference to me as an invited guest was not

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correct. This can always be determined by a Judicial Review action, after my attempt to correct it has failed with this notice of your error in supplying me with the information requested.

In addition Sir, the Freedom of Information Act, with the guidelines for determining exempt documents, does list that documents to which secrecy provisions apply can be exempted. But before deciding to refuse access, the Authority must try to delete any information that makes the document exempt. Removing all exempt information would make the required document suitable for release and access may be approved. The applicant must agree to accept the document in its amended form, before the authority makes the deletion.

Consequently, I Donald Donat Berment, state here formally, that I agree to accept amended documents, if they are so considered by the Diego Martin Regional Corporation.

Further Mr. Maynard, reasonable evidence is available to the Corporation that a danger to the health and safety of myself, my daughter and my grandson, by what has and is happening on the River Estate Basketball Court, a place I have to be very careful of, in coming in and out of River Estate, my registered place of residence, the lack of proper removal of garbage, the inability to give the Beausejour Community Center, simply use of proper lighting, toilets, doors etc. This being a location noted as a place of refuge in Disaster situations. That make exempt documents available.

The list is long and will be complied with photographs, videos and statements from other electors who are unhappy with what is being done, to go in another place, many of whom are not aware that the problem lies at another level.

All that being said, the documents supplied will assist me in knowing who are the persons making up Diego Martin Regional Corporation, the location of the 10 Councillors office and phone contacts.

As my efforts to help my Region reach Borough and eventual City status, that information will be most useful.

You are hereby given 7 days Notice to address my concerns, starting from Monday the 4th day of December 2017, when a signed copy of this letter will be delivered to your office. This letter will be emailed to the Chairman, the Councillors and the addresses on your letter. Please be guided accordingly.

Yours Sincerely,

Signed.....Donald D. Berment, Specialist HSD/NGA/DVC
Housing and Settlement Development Sector/Natural Growth Architect/Domestic Violence Counsellor.